

2020 Principal's Report

Strong community support and involvement, highly professional and dedicated staff and a wide range of innovative programs ensure that students at Lindfield East Public School develop a love of learning and the confidence to strive for success. The school offers excellent academic, social, sporting and arts programs.

The school continued its strong commitment to the performing arts with the biennial LEPS Spectacular which was held in Term 3. Talented students showcased their skills performing a range of dance, musical and sporting items. It was another successful year for our school bands and string ensembles. Our three ensembles (Junior, Senior and Performance) were incredibly fortunate to perform at various events including eisteddfods, festivals and concerts throughout the year. The three bands all had great results in 2019. NSW School Band and Orchestra Festival Results: Performance Band & Concert Band: Silver Award and Training Band: Gold Award. Hornsby North Band Festival Results: Performance Band & Concert Band: Distinction, Training Band: High Distinction.

Our Futures Learning Committee continued to research and develop key aspects of flexible learning spaces and furniture. Flexible furniture has been purchased for all the Stage 3 classrooms and 16 CommBox interactive touchscreens have been installed to replace the Smartboards. The implementation of Coding and Minecraft Education in classes and the ongoing initiative of the Stage 3 BYOD program were warmly received by students, staff and parents.

Demonstrating our continued commitment to global awareness, another group of four teachers and twenty-one students visited our Chinese Sister School, Chaoyang Demonstration School, in Beijing during the Spring break. LEPS hosted teachers and students from Kugenuma High School in Japan during May and a group of Principals and Deputy Principals from Korea in October, as part of the Department of Education's Study Tours program.

In 2019 LEPS continued to build upon its strong indigenous education program. As part of a cultural exchange program, students in Year 6 took part in three visits to Menindee Central School, learning about the culture and history of the region and attending classes at the school. Students from Menindee Central School in turn visited LEPS and engaged with the school community and teaching and learning programs. In addition, student leaders attended the Mungo YouthProject (MYP) with leaders from other schools. The MYP is a 'research in schools' program that culminates in a three day conference hosted by the Traditional Elder communities within the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area.

As part of the strategic directions of the 2018 – 2020 School Plan, mathematical problem solving and the teaching of grammar were the focus areas for teacher professional development in 2019. The school vision statement, 'Every child must succeed in an education worth having' is underpinned by The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008). The goals focus on promoting equity and excellence in education, and on students becoming successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the annual National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) online in 2019. The school again achieved excellent results with approximately 80% of students achieving in the top two bands.

Thank you to the P&C for their continued support and financial contributions throughout the year. Our second School Fun Run raised a substantial amount of money to refurbish the school hall. The annual Welcome Back Night and Movie Night were again successful community events. The P&C provided funding for the school library and a Learning and Assistance teacher, supporting students in the early years.

Significant achievements in 2019

- Our 3 robotics teams competed for the third year in the First Lego League Robotics competition. It has grown from 2 to 3 teams with KHS students included.
- Ethan C – top 3 in the State for the Australian Mathematics Competition

- Ethan C, Alexander H, Marco L and Emily H won the Grand Final of the Mathematics Problem Solving competition.
- In the performing arts we have had significant participation:
 - Our string and recorder ensembles performed in the FOIM at the Opera House
 - Ella L performed a piano solo in the FOIM at the Opera House
 - Two dance troupes performing at the Sydney North Dance Festival
 - The LEPS STEM Fair held during Education Week – showcasing our budding scientists.
 - All four of our bands have won Gold and Silver awards
 - Emma P was a finalist in the Reconciliation Art Challenge
- In the sporting arena:
 - Jisoo achieved 3rd place in the 100m breaststroke at the National championships in Melbourne.
 - Max M swam in the 9 year boys 50m freestyle event at the State swimming championships.
 - Lachlan L – attended the state golf championships
 - Ellie B participated in the state championships for Girls Cricket and her Sydney North team came second. She also participated at the area level for tennis.
 - For the fourth consecutive year Chloe M was selected in the Australian Development Squad for Gymnastics.
 - Emilie C – Is ranked in the Top 5 Under 10 tennis players in NSW. Her team of 4 Achieved 3rd place in the state championships.
 - Kian C – Was the Zone tennis champion this year and Zac T came third.
 - Kian also was the Year 6 LEPS tennis champion
 - The Senior Girls Touch won the Jess Palmer Shield at the NRL League Tag Competition.
 - School Rugby Team – Won the juniors and Seniors Mortlock Cup v Lindfield.
 - The senior girl relay team: Alegra B, Arianna S, Jodie W and Steph C – made the finals of the area carnival, narrowly missing out on participating at State level.
 - Our cricket teams performed exceedingly well winning all the PSSA competitions.

As we move into 2020, we will continue to implement the Department of Education's goals, in particular ensuring that every child is known, valued and cared for; that every student is engaged and challenged to continue to learn and every student, every teacher, every leader and every school improves every year.